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4. [] Colonel White and Messrs. []
[] met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Colonel White briefed Woodruff on developments concerning the release of funds to cover the liquidation of certain programs of the Radios. Woodruff said he had no objection to the action being taken and commended the Agency for 'scrubbing down' the requests made for the release of these funds. He recommended, however, that letters be sent to Chairmen Ellender and Mahon advising them of the action being taken. Mr. Woodruff reiterated a statement he has made on a number of occasions before that he felt it highly desirable for the Congress to include an open line item for the total CIA appropriations. See [] Memorandum for the Record.

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Woodruff asked about the Cuban ship captain who is in custody of the Castro government on charges of engaging in operations against Cuba on behalf of CIA. Woodruff was advised that there is no current connection with [] and I later followed up with additional details which were provided in a memorandum by WH Division

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5. [] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and advised him of the request from Lowenstein and Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, which had been relayed to us through the State Department (see Memorandum for the Record of 22 December 1971). I told Braswell that the questions raised by Lowenstein and Moose would be taken up with the Director on his return, but asked Braswell if he had any thoughts on the matter. Braswell said he thought that as a member of the CIA Subcommittee Senator Symington was entitled to information on Agency personnel but he saw no grounds for providing this information to Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff members. He commented that even our own Subcommittees do not ask for information on operational personnel.

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Attached is a WH memo on the vessels which Castro seized. I called Bill Woodruff and explained the situation to him so he wouldn't get out on a limb with Senator Young.

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